

Sirs: thank you for the opportunity to comment.

With respect to the Morse code testing requirement, it should be amended but not entirely dropped. It is still in the military curriculums and is still used by amateurs around the world. Because it enhances the infallibility of the Amateur Radio Services, it is still a viable, useful mode and deserves the protection of the law by establishing the requirement at a higher level. It should no longer, however, be an impediment to obtaining HF privileges.

As to the automatic upgrading of Licenses, only the Technician privileges afforded to Code Techs should be automatically upgraded. No other automatic upgrade should be allowed at all.

As to eliminating Morse only bands/bandspace, not at all should these be diminished in any way. They are small bands and they are used efficiently. Furthermore, there are too many HAMS still using code and we need to maintain and support the secondary purpose of the Amateur Service, to SERVE in emergency situations. Morse(CW) will continue to be effective long after the last laptop is down and under conditions that cannot support voice communications.

Thank you, Steve Wisniewski KC0OZU